



## Colorado Department of Agriculture Colorado and U.S. Report Millet / Sunflower / Safflower Production Outlook for 2013

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#### Metric Millet Conversions

\* **48.6 lbs. per Bushel**

\* **22 Kilograms/Bushel**



On June 28, 2013 the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported on the U.S. acreage planted report for the U.S.

Key elements impacting the global bird seed industry include:

- ◆ Colorado millet acreage planted is up 48 percent to 310,000 acres (125,550 hectares) which represents 58.5 percent of total U.S. planted acres of 530,000 acres (214,490 hectares).
- ◆ Colorado oil sunflower seed planting is down 40 percent to 45,000 acres (18,210 hectares) as the fifth largest growing region in the U.S.
- ◆ Colorado non-oil sunflower seed planting increased 45 percent to 16,000 acres (6,475 hectares) as the fifty largest growing region in the U.S.
- ◆ Colorado's millet harvest is projected to begin late August to early September
- ◆ Colorado's sunflower harvest is projected to begin early September.
- ◆ Colorado's safflower harvest is projected to begin early September.

On the next pages you will find the USDA report specific to millet, sunflower and safflower production in the U.S.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture and the Colorado millet industry is looking forward to assisting you in sourcing your millet and bird seed ingredients such as sunflower and safflower.

Please let us know how we can help: [markets@state.co.us](mailto:markets@state.co.us)



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### Proso Millet Area Planted and Harvested - States and United States: 2012 and 2013

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#### Proso Millet Area Planted and Harvested - States and United States: 2012 and 2013

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2012	2013	2012	2013 <sup>1/</sup>
	1,000 acres			
Colorado .....	210	310	120	
Nebraska .....	70	120	55	
South Dakota ...	55	100	30	
United States ...	335	530	205	

<sup>1/</sup> Estimates to be released January 2014 in the "Crop Production Summary."

#### Sector insights:

**Proso millet:** Area planted to proso millet in 2013 is estimated at 530,000 acres, up 195,000 acres from 2012. Planted acreage increased from last year in all three estimating States. Strong anticipated prices are the main reason for the increase in planted acres this year.



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### Sunflower Area Planted and Harvested by Type - States and United States: 2012 and 2013

Varietal type and State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2012	2013	2012	2013 1/
	1,000 acres			
<b>Oil</b>				
California .....	48.0	52.0	47.5	51.5
Colorado .....	75.0	45.0	61.0	40.0
Kansas .....	70.0	55.0	65.0	50.0
Minnesota .....	38.0	30.0	37.0	29.0
Nebraska .....	33.0	28.0	29.5	26.0
North Dakota .....	770.0	480.0	755.0	470.0
Oklahoma .....	4.0	5.0	3.8	4.7
South Dakota .....	580.0	530.0	560.0	515.0
Texas .....	40.0	43.0	33.0	7.0
United States .....	1,658.0	1,268.0	1,591.8	1,223.2
<b>Non-oil</b>				
California .....	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.0
Colorado .....	11.0	16.0	9.0	14.0
Kansas .....	17.0	21.0	16.0	9.0
Minnesota .....	11.0	13.0	10.5	12.0
Nebraska .....	8.5	15.0	7.3	13.0
North Dakota .....	90.0	98.0	88.0	94.0
Oklahoma .....	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
South Dakota .....	65.0	87.0	63.0	84.0
Texas .....	55.0	45.0	52.0	39.0
United States .....	261.0	299.0	249.2	278.8
<b>All</b>				
California .....	50.8	55.0	50.3	54.5
Colorado .....	86.0	61.0	70.0	54.0
Kansas .....	87.0	76.0	81.0	69.0
Minnesota .....	49.0	43.0	47.5	41.0
Nebraska .....	41.5	43.0	36.8	39.0
North Dakota .....	860.0	578.0	843.0	564.0
Oklahoma .....	4.7	6.0	4.4	5.5
South Dakota .....	645.0	617.0	623.0	599.0
Texas .....	95.0	88.0	85.0	76.0
United States .....	1,919.0	1,567.0	1,841.0	1,502.0

1/ Forecasted.



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**Sunflower:** Area planted to sunflower in 2013 totals 1.57 million acres, down 18 percent from 2012. Harvested area is expected to decrease 18 percent from last year to 1.50 million acres. Planted area of oil type varieties, at 1.27 million acres, is down 24 percent from 2012, and is the lowest since 1976. Planted area of oil varieties in Colorado is the lowest since 1996 when 45,000 acres were also planted. Planted area of oil varieties in Kansas is the lowest since 1990 and in North Dakota is the lowest since 1976. Planted acreage of non-oil varieties, estimated at 299,000 acres, is up 15 percent from last year. For the first time, planted area for all sunflower varieties is higher in South Dakota than North Dakota.

Planting began much later than normal in most areas due to cool spring temperatures and wet conditions. As of May 26, only 9 percent of the intended crop had been planted, compared with the 5-year average of 26 percent. Planting progress continued to lag behind normal in all four major States through early June, but planting in Colorado was able to catch up to normal pace by mid-June. As of June 16, producers had planted 55 percent of the crop in the four major States, 33 percentage points behind last year and 22 percentage points behind the 5-year average.



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### Safflower Area Planted and Harvested - States and United States: 2012 and 2013

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2012	2013	2012	2013 1/
	: 1,000 acres			
California .....	53.0	50.0	52.5	49.0
Montana .....	27.0	28.0	25.8	27.0
North Dakota ...	14.5	10.0	14.2	9.5
Utah .....	28.0	20.0	23.0	19.0
Other States 2/	47.3	43.0	44.6	40.0
United States ..	169.8	151.0	160.1	144.5

1/ Forecasted.

2/ Other States include Colorado, Idaho, and South Dakota.

**Safflower:** Planted area of safflower decreased 11 percent from 2012, to 151,000 acres in 2013. This is the second-lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 144,500 acres, down 10 percent from last year. Compared with last year, growers in all States except Montana are showing a decline in planted area.



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### Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Metric Units - United States: 2012 and 2013

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2013 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	:	Area planted	:	Area harvested
	:	:-----		
	:	2012	2013	2012 : 2013
	:	hectares		
	:			
Proso millet .....	:	135,570	214,490	82,960 N/A
Safflower .....	:	68,720	61,110	64,790 58,480
Sunflower .....	:	776,600	634,150	745,030 607,840

### Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Metric Units - United States: 2012 and 2013 (continued)

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Crop	:	Yield per hectare	:	Production
	:	:-----		
	:	2012	2013	2012 : 2013
	:	metric tons		
Proso millet .....	:	0.84		70,080
Safflower .....	:	1.26		81,390